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April 16, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
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Re: Request for FY 2014 Form 471 Deadline Waiver

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Form 471 Application Number: 993069

CC Docket No. 02-6

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to respectfully request the FCC to grant a waiver of the Funding Year 2014 Form 471 deadline so that our District's Form 471 E-rate application will be considered as having been filed within the window. The Form 471 and Item 21 attachments were filed on April 9, 2014.

Lower Merion School District applied late for a new Internet Service Provider (ISP) due to a recent security incident that occurred from 25 February to 7 March 2014. During this period of time, the District encountered a security issue that the District's current ISP did not have the capacity to help resolve. As a result of this situation, it was decided that the District would seek to engage Tier One ISP with greater capacity to help resolve potential technical and security related events that resulted in Internet outages.

Unfortunately, by the time we realized we needed to switch providers; the deadline had passed to file a Form 470 for FY 2014. Because of the dire need to ensure our students and staff's Internet access wouldn't go interrupted again, we filed a Form 470 on March 11, 2014, even though it was after the February 26 deadline. The District waited 28 days, and on the 29th day we selected another ISP to provide services to the District. We then filed a Form 471 on April 9, 2014.

We realize the Form 471 was filed late, but it was filed within 14 days after the close of the Form 471 application window. Due to the extenuating circumstances facing our District and the fact that it was filed very shortly after the deadline, we respectfully request that the FCC grant a waiver of the Form 471 deadline and reinstate our application as having been filed within the window.

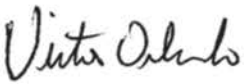
Our District does not hire an E-rate consultant to prepare our application forms, but instead tries to save as much of our E-rate funding as possible by trying to navigate the process ourselves. Unfortunately, this year our internet outages precluded us from meeting this important deadline.

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The application requests \$31,396.92 which may not be a large amount of money to some institutions, but it is extremely important in our District.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor Orlando". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victor" and last name "Orlando" clearly distinguishable.

Victor Orlando
Business Manager